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To whom it may concern,

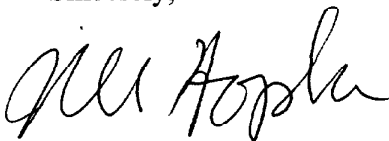
I am writing in support of the proposed low-power FM radio service (LPFM), Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) Docket MM 99-25. The 1996 Telecommunications Act has had far reaching effects on the radio industry. By the end of 1997 over 4,000 of the country's 11,000 radio stations were sold and in the 50 largest markets only three firms controlled over 50% of the ad revenue. Radio today is controlled by conglomerates that are concerned not with maintaining diversity but instead with increasing profits.

LPFM will serve local communities in ways that it is not possible in commercial radio, such as providing a forum for local music, and educational and community voices to be heard. I believe it is important to support local and noncommercial radio interests because it is becoming increasing hard to survive amidst big business radio.

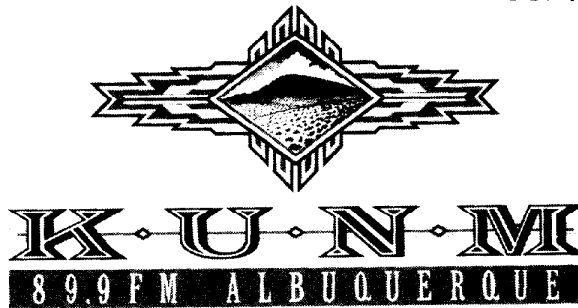
In particular I support LPFM as an educational forum for universities and other such institutions unable broadcast at a regular FM frequency. As a university student, I personally would benefit from the potential of LPFM radio.

It is increasing hard to make it in the music industry and non-commercial music is harder to find today than ever. Unless, as a nation, we support non-commercial and local music in the way of fostering true diversity through media such as LPFM it will continue to become rarer until diversity no longer exists. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jill Hopke



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May 20, 1999

Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir:

We are writing to express our concerns and formal comments about the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MM Docket 99-25, that the FCC has begun on the issue of low-power FM radio (LPFM)

It seems that standards for this service have been made without any scientific research into the interference that would result on present FM radio service. In the Albuquerque area the FM band is saturated with stations and in order to allow any new stations interference limits on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> adjacent channels would have to be relaxed. We are concerned that our community oriented public broadcasting would be compromised.

Right now in-band digital broadcasting systems are being developed which will need the present interference free spectrum that present FM stations have been granted. These systems when introduced will eliminate much of the present noise and give our signal greater clarity. The proposed LPFM stations may prevent this from happening by the new interference.

We have seven translators that serve small communities on the perimeter of our signal area that would not be able to receive public broadcasting because of the mountainous terrain in northern New Mexico. We are concerned that these translators will be knocked out of service by LPFM signals that will interfere with them. These translators are already being encroached on by full power stations being established on their frequencies by organizations wanting to license full power stations in small communities where they can get signals into larger cities.

These new LPFM stations are being proposed to allow opportunities for individuals who could not otherwise get into broadcasting because of the expense of a full powered station. We are concerned that they will be used to broadcast programming from large satellite networks already being broadcast over hundreds of translators and full powered stations across the USA instead of allowing more diversity and freedom of expression by individuals. This would seem to us to be totally against the purpose of the establishment of this service.

We are also concerned that little thought has been given as to how these limited frequencies for low-power FM would be allocated in the case of conflicting applications.

We would urge that a low-power FM service not be instituted until serious consideration has been given to the issues that we have raised above. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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Chief Engineer

Richard S. Towne  
General Manager

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